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## Upcoming traffic changes: Whitehall Street, Yarraville/Footscray

Construction of the West Gate Tunnel Project has started and will deliver a vital alternative to the West Gate Bridge, quicker and safer journeys, and remove thousands of trucks off residential streets.

### North Yarra Main Sewer diversion – essential works for the West Gate Tunnel Project

Before tunnelling for the West Gate Tunnel Project begins in 2019, we need to divert a section of the North Yarra Main Sewer. This sewer runs directly below the centre of Whitehall Street where the new tunnels will also be located. It is a big job that will involve excavation, piling, boring and changes to traffic due to the sewer location.

#### When

Works to divert the sewer are planned to start from late April 2018 and will take up to 12 months to complete.

#### Where

Two work zones will be located on Whitehall Street – one near Youell Street and another just south of Somerville Road. This is where we will dig down to connect the existing sewer with a newly built sewerage line which avoids the path of the new road tunnels.



*A similar sewer relocation was recently completed on St Kilda Road for the Metro Tunnel project*

### Traffic changes

During works, there will be some unavoidable disruptions in the local area.

#### Whitehall Street northbound closure and detour

A section of Whitehall Street, between Leek Street and Somerville Road, will need to be closed to northbound traffic for around 12 months.

- Northbound traffic will be detoured along Leek Street, Hyde Street and Somerville Road
- Cyclists will be detoured along the Hyde Street shared use path

This detour was informed by feedback from residents and businesses, detailed traffic studies and safety assessments, and allows us to:

- maintain a direct route for southbound traffic
- detour only half of Whitehall Street traffic, limiting the impact on the detour route
- avoid using other already busy local roads as detour routes.

### Whitehall Street lane closures

Due to the location of our work zones, Whitehall Street will be reduced to one lane:

- in both directions, between Parker Street and Somerville Road
- southbound, between Somerville Road and Leek Street

**New traffic signals** will be installed to help with local access, assist traffic moving along the detour route and to provide safe crossing points for pedestrians and cyclists.

### Temporary change to the truck curfew on Hyde Street, between Leek Street and Somerville Road:

- during daytime hours 8am-6pm only – the night time curfew will remain in place
- the full 24/7 curfew will be reinstated when the sewer works are complete.



### Keeping you moving

We will actively manage traffic through the area to minimise disruption as much as possible, including:

- clear signage and traffic controllers to direct traffic
- traffic signal, lane and intersection changes to keep traffic flowing
- working with residents and businesses to minimise local impacts
- providing regular updates about our works
- monitoring and altering conditions as needed to maintain traffic flow, access and safety
- increased monitoring and support for enforcement of truck curfews and local destination exemptions.

### Stay informed

You can find more information and updates on our website. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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